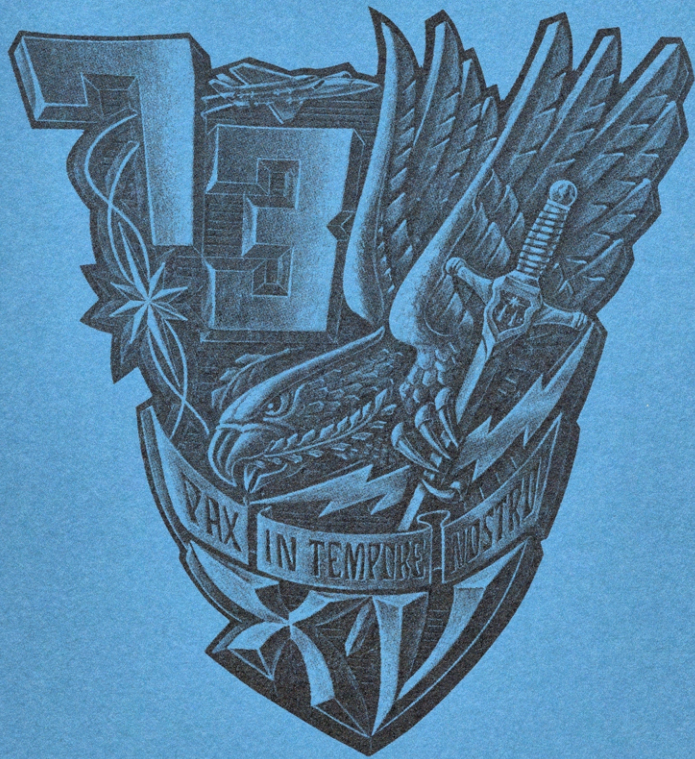


CLASS OF 1973



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THE 1973 CLASS RING

Much of the symbolism of the Class ring for the Class of 1973, the 15th graduating class of the Air Force Academy, is centered around the motto, "Pax in Tempore Nostro," "Peace in Our Time." While many may recognize the phrase from its historical perspective, we view it in quite a different manner.

The attacking falcon, clutching the lightning bolt and sabre, represents the might and power of the U.S. Air Force, an organization the Class of 1973 has dedicated the last three years toward joining. At the same time the falcon carries the olive branch, traditionally a symbol of peace.

We realize that peace is our eternal and professed goal, but a nation must be prepared to defend itself and use force, if necessary, to preserve that peace. We are dedicated to that proposition.

The North Star, Polaris, has been used for centuries for purposes of navigation. In the same way, the North Star has been representative of the single goal for the Class of 1973 since its entry to the Academy in June 1969 – graduation and a career as an Air Force Officer.

The F-15 aircraft above the "3" in "73" assumes a special significance for our Class in that the Air Force's new air superiority fighter will be on the verge of being operational about the same time that the Class of 1973 will be graduating from Pilot Training.

Our ring and crest, considered as a whole unit, represents those things which characterize the Class of 1973 – a proud, ever-advancing group of men, willing to face all challenges head on, without fear of failure.

1973 RING REPRESENTATIVES

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CWDS-07 Mark R. Coffman	CWDS-27 James E. Algood
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CWDS-10 John H. Wagoner	CWDS-30 Gerald T. O'Connor
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CWDS-15 Paul M. Guttman	CWDS-35 Phillip J. Olson
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CWDS-17 Boyd B. Lease	CWDS-37 Edward A. Heisey
CWDS-18 Dennis E. Geesaman	CWDS-38 Michael F. Tremonte
CWDS-19 David M. Brown	CWDS-39 John T. Foreman
CWDS-20 Henry E. Johnson	CWDS-40 Michael P. Nishimuta

OIC — Major Russell R. MacDonald
CIC — David A. Brown

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HONORED GUESTS OF THE CLASS OF 1973

Major General John C. Bennett (USA)
Commander, Fort Carson

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Colonel Roger R. Bate
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Deputy Commandant for Military Instruction

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Chaplain, Colonel Mervin R. Johnson
Portestant Director

Chaplain, Major Rayfield D. Helman
Jewish Cadet Chaplain

Mr. Gary D. Autrey
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The Air Officers Commanding

The Wing and Group Sergeant Majors

Other Distinguished Guests

MAJOR GENERAL JOHN C. BENNETT

United States Army

Major General John C. Bennett was commissioned a Lieutenant of Infantry at West Point in 1945. His assignments have included service on the Army Staff, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, SHAPE Headquarters in Europe, and a tour as Assistant Professor of English at West Point.

On the operational side, he has commanded every infantry unit from a rifle platoon through a mechanized infantry division. He served in combat with the 7th Infantry Division during the Korean War, and was with the 5th Special Forces Group (Green Berets) in Vietnam.

His military schooling includes the Command and General Staff College, the British Staff College, and the National War College. On the civilian side, he holds a master's degree in English from Columbia University and an M.A. from George Washington University in International Affairs.

After serving two years in Alaska — one year as Deputy Commanding General of the Army there, and a year as Chief of Staff of the Alaskan Command — he now commands the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Carson, Colorado.

A combat infantryman in both the Korean and Vietnam wars, General Bennett is also a Master Parachutist, having logged more than eighty jumps. During his tour in Alaska, he led his troops on a record parachute jump at 45° below zero — which meant that the effective temperature (including wind chill) was about 175° below zero.

General Bennett is also a rated military pilot and a commercial pilot in helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft, and holds instrument ratings for both types of aircraft.

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BUTTERED ASPARAGUS TIPS

HOT PARKERHOUSE ROLLS

FRUIT PUNCH

COFFEE

ICE CREAM TORTE CAKE